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Thank you for sharing your concerns about Jamaica with Mr. Casey.

We are also concerned about the deterioration in the Jamaican economy and its potential impact on both Jamaican and U.S. policy interests. Jamaica's economic slide is particularly worrisome because the election of Prime Minister Seaga had lifted the expectations of most Jamaicans that a recovery could take hold and be sustained. We realize that future economic erosion could undermine stability in Jamaica, the largest democracy in the English-speaking Caribbean. We concur that the Jamaican situation over the short-term looks especially difficult.

We have been highlighting these concerns to U.S. policymakers and will continue to be on the alert for any developments that could threaten U.S. interests in that country or the region.

If you can spare the time, we would be delighted to have one of our Jamaican experts talk to you about your recent visit. You can contact my office on to make appropriate arrangements.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by JOHN N. McMAHON

John N. McMahon
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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